

BEFORE THE  
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

90-UA-0156

IN RE: DUAL PARTY RELAY SERVICE  
MONTHLY MAINTENANCE  
SURCHARGE

AMENDED ORDER

THIS DAY this cause came on before this Commission, upon its own motion, concerning the monthly maintenance surcharge collected by local exchange companies ("LECs") from all residential and business local exchange access facilities and transferred to the Dual Party Relay Service Trust Fund ("the Fund") on a monthly basis. The Fund was established and is invested and managed for the exclusive purpose of fulfilling the provisions of Miss. Code Ann., §77-3-501, et seq., as amended ("the Statute"), as same relates to a statewide program to provide telephone access to persons who are speech and hearing impaired.

This Commission is authorized by the Statute, to impose upon all LECs operating in Mississippi a monthly surcharge in an amount to be determined by the Commission based upon the amount of funding necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Statute including the provision of DPRS. The Statute further requires LECs to collect said surcharge as established by the Commission from its customers and transfer said monies collected to the Fund.

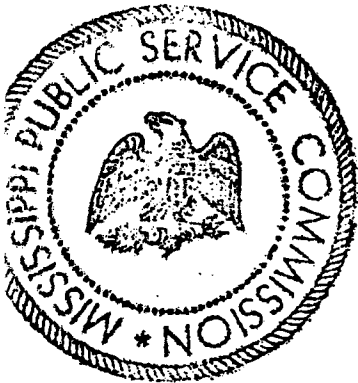
Pursuant to its duty under the Statute, this Commission, by its Order dated August 14, 1992, in Docket Number 90-UA-0156, directed all LECs operating in Mississippi to collect a \$.13 monthly surcharge on each residential and business local exchange line for which the Federal End User Line Charge is applicable, beginning October 1, 1992. The LECs were further directed to transfer the surcharges collected to the Fund on a monthly basis.

This Commission has now been administering the Statute for six (6) years, and, following careful study, the Commission has determined that the goals established by the Statute including the provision of Dual Party Relay Service can be adequately met if the monthly maintenance surcharge were reduced from \$.13 to \$.07.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that all LECs operating in Mississippi are directed to impose and collect a monthly surcharge on all residential and business local exchange access lines to which the Federal End User Line Charge is applicable, in the amount of \$.07 each month per access line instead of \$.13. The \$.07 surcharge shall be imposed effective with all bills rendered on or after February 1, 1998, on a billing cycle basis. All LECs operating in this State are directed to continue to transfer the surcharge funds so collected to the Dual Party Relay Service Trust Fund on a monthly basis.

Chairman Bo Robinson voted Aye; Vice-Chairman George Byars voted Aye; Commissioner Nielsen Cochran voted Aye.

SO ORDERED on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 1998.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Bo Robinson  
Bo Robinson, Chairman

George Byars  
George Byars, Vice-Chairman

Nielsen Cochran  
Nielsen Cochran, Commissioner

ATTEST: A True Copy

Brian U. Ray  
Executive Secretary